

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

### **RS19368**

This Legislation would add an additional one dollar (\$1.00) fee to each certified death certificate issued. The funds generated from the fee would solely be used for training of new county coroners as well as the continuing education of coroners. This would also enable the coroners to provide training around the state for part-time deputy coroners. The bill also amends the statute to reflect the current fee charged for a certified copy of a death certificate which has been increased over time through the rule making process as allowed per this statute. Section 2 of this bill would require new coroners to attend a coroner's school or training endorsed by the Idaho State Association of County Coroners within one year of taking office as a county coroner. Section 3 of this bill would require county coroners to complete twenty-four hours of continuing education classes every 2 years. The classes would be developed, sponsored and monitored by the Idaho State Association of County Coroners. This will help professionalize the office of county coroner. On a short term basis, the St. Louis University School of Medicine offers a week long course which is widely recognized nationwide. The intent is to develop schooling within Idaho.

### **FISCAL NOTE**

There will be no impact on the State general fund or any taxing entity. It is estimated that the increase would generate approximately \$50,000 that would be deposited in the State Treasurer's Local Government pool. Also, the Bureau of Vital Statistics will be reimbursed for all setup costs associated with this legislation.

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